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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

<b>Interview Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	09/040,825	FRYBERG ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) Marie R. Yamnitzky. (3) \_\_\_\_\_.  
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Date of Interview: 08 August 2002.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference  
 c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.  
 If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: All in general.

Identification of prior art discussed: the three patents which are the basis for the 103 rejection.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview(if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

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 Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Discussed the 103 rejection of record. No agreement was reached with respect to any amendment that would put the claims in condition for allowance. The examiner noted that the primary references teach the use of vinyl alcohol/vinyl amine copolymers wherein the amine may be primary, secondary, tertiary or quaternary, and the secondary reference (Smigo) discloses vinyl alcohol/vinyl amine copolymers in general with specific examples wherein the amines are primary amines (see column 5). The present claims require a vinyl alcohol/vinyl amine copolymer wherein the amine is a primary amine (when R = H) or a secondary amine (when R = alkyl with 1-6 carbon atoms). The present specification provides examples of recording sheets utilizing copolymers wherein the amine is a primary amine but there are no examples of recording sheets that utilize a copolymer in which the amine is a secondary amine although the synthesis of such a copolymer is disclosed (copolymer 7; pp. 16-17). The examiner is willing to reconsider the patentability of the claimed subject matter where R = alkyl with 1-6 carbon atoms if applicants provide objective evidence demonstrating superior/unexpected results for a copolymer where R = alkyl with 1-6 carbon atoms versus a copolymer where R = H.



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